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SUBJECT: WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL VESSEL CALOADER

REF: SINGAPORE 3720, KUALA LUMPUR 7531

1. WORLD VISION REPRESENTATIVES JOHN CALDER AND BART SINGLETON
VISITED EMBASSY TODAY TO BRIEF CURRENT STATUS WORLD VISION
INTERNATIONAL INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEE RESCUE MISSION.

2. BOTH GENTLEMEN SEEMED PRACTICAL PERSONS, WELL AWARE OF
LEAP DAHL AND ROLAND INCIDENTS PRECEDING CALOADER CHARTER.
BOTH ATTEST THAT SOLITARY MISSION OF CALOADER IS TO ASSIST ALL
BOAT REFUGEES IMPERILED ON HIGH SEAS, WITH FOOD, FUEL, WATER
AND MEDICAL CARE, IF NEEDED. THOUGH THEY WOULD, THEY SAID,
IN EVERY CASE PICK UP REFUGEES FROM HOPELESSLY FOUNDERING
VESSELS, IT IS FIRM W.V.I. POLICY NOT TO TAKE ON REFUGEES
FROM VESSELS NOT IN GRAVE DANGER OF SINKING. IN FACT,
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THEY DESCRIBED PRACTICAL MEANS TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED
BOARDING OCALOADER WHILE VESSEL IN ACT OF RENDERING
ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES.

3. FROM W.V.I. REPS' DESCRIPTION OF CALOADER'S RESCUE OF
21 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM THEIR SINKING BOAT, A 21-FOOT
RIVER PUNT, IT IS APPARENT THAT BOAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST

WITH ALL ABOARD WERE NOT CALOADER ON HAND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE.

4. ALL RESCUED VIETNAMESE STILL ABOARD CALOADER AT TUMPOT, KELANTAN, MALAYSIA (REF A). W.V.I. REPS PLAN CALL ON UNHCR REP SAMPAKUMAR ON 26 JULY, TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN SECURING PERMISSION FOR 21 REFUTEES TO LAND IN KELANTAN. FAILING THIS, THEY PLAN A VOYAGE TO JAKARTA WHERE THEY HOPE TO DISEMBARK REFUGEE SURVIVORS FROM CALOADER.

5. AFTER TWO UNEVENTFUL VOYAGES, CALOADER HAS FINALLY BEGUN TO ENCOUNTER REFUGEE VESSELS. BESIDES VESSEL WHICH SUNK, CALOADER ENCOUNTERED KS 55 (REF B) AND, AFTER PURSUING REFUGEE CRAFT FOR SOME TIME, RENDERED ASSISTANCE.

6. W.V.I. REPS STATED CALOADER'S CHARTER TIME FINISHED IN EARLY OCTOBER. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO EXTEND CHARTER OF (LANDING SHIP UTILITY) VESSEL.
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